

**Different Programmes in the
Vicariate**

Annual Feast of St. Joseph's Church was celebrated in Adigondanahalli on 6th May 2018.

Annual feast of St. Antony was celebrated in Yadavanahalli Parish on 13th May 2018.

Annual Spiritual retreat was conducted for the Parishners in the Sacred Heart Church Tiptur.

Fr. George Antony was installed as the Parish Priest in St. Antony's Church Yadavanahalli on 22nd May 2018.

Social awareness Programme was conducted in Don Bosco High School Hojai to mark "Anti Tobacco Day"

Rosary procession was observed in Hojai and Lungting to honour Our Lady on 31st May.

Days to Remember

Birth Day

06.06.2018—Fr. Subesh



ST. MICHAEL INFORMATION LINK

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SACRED HEART VICARIATE - INDIA

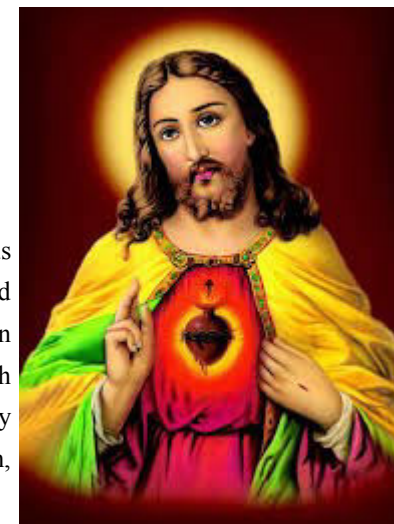
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Love overcomes, love delights, those who love the Sacred Heart rejoice.

Bernadette Soubirous

Alive with love: the Sacred Heart of Jesus|

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was promoted by St Claude La Colombière and St Margaret Mary Alacoque, why this devotion will always be central to the life of the Church and why it is the foundation of our intimacy with Christ. 'Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, has a heart... With him it is always personal.'



The image of the Sacred Heart can be found in many of our churches. Once it was a familiar feature of many Catholic homes, as were the prayers and devotion to the Sacred Heart remains always central in the Church's own life and heart. This should not surprise us. The devotion is more than a series of prayers and practices. It is something experienced and contemplated. It is nothing less than our participation in the redemptive love of God made real in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI writes,

In the Heart of Jesus, the centre of Christianity is set before us. It expresses everything, all that is genuinely new and revolutionary in the new covenant. This heart calls to our heart. It invites us to step forth out of the futile attempt of self-preservation and, by joining in the task of love, by handing ourselves over to him and with him, to discover the fullness of love which alone is eternity and which alone

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sustains the world. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is a real person. He has a heart. This is the most challenging and consoling thing about him. In *him* we find the infinite and eternal God who chooses us and offers us a share in the Triune life.

The person of Jesus haunts and pushes us beyond our limits into new realms of thinking and existing. With him we always have to begin anew. With Jesus it is always personal; we always have to begin in either response to or refusal of the encounter. We cannot slip or evade the personal relationship that his person requires of us. This is the meaning of the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is always a personal, affective, devotional relation with the whole of Jesus, contained in the image of his heart alive with love.

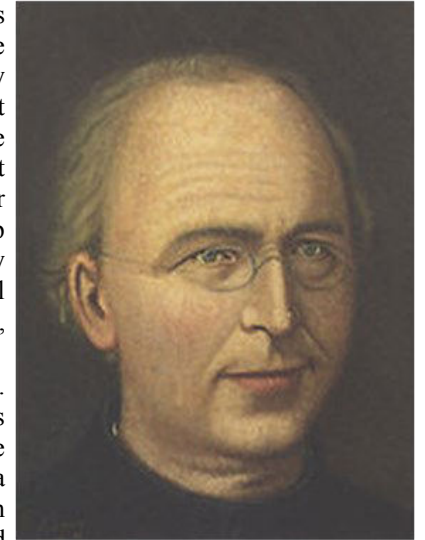
We cannot look upon the wounded heart of Jesus without encountering a love that is so completely human. The humanity of Christ is before us in all its vulnerability and strength. The image of the Sacred Heart offers a deep intimacy and like all such relationships we may long for it but it can frighten us. To be so exposed and so committed and, of course, so vulnerable. Yet, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also a waiting heart. In it we can experience something of the patient, generous love of God which will not coerce or threaten us. The love in the heart of Christ seeks only our love, and what good is a love that is not freely given? The heart of Jesus creates the sacred, personal space for that deeply hidden and intensely personal exchange of 'heart to heart' – *cor ad cor loquitur*.

The heart of Christ is an open heart. All can find their place in it for all have a place in it. There are no limits to the love of God that we discover in the heart of God's Son. When we allow ourselves to be drawn to that love, we find that we are also drawn beyond ourselves to a greater, deeper love, especially those whose own heart is wounded. Then we begin to understand the beauty and mystery of the Sacred Heart that is itself wounded. The wound is infinite because Jesus's love is infinite. It is also the mark of truth. This heart is no symbol of a false love. That it carries the wound of love – a love that knows the depths of betrayal and rejection – means that it also carries our truth as well as God's truth. We see here the consequences of our sin and that calls us into a greater truth. It also creates in us a greater freedom. Unless we recognise this truth we cannot change; we always remain in our illusions and self-justifications, minimising the consequences and protecting our interests. That is how systems as well as individuals perpetuate and inflict suffering, whether it is on other persons or nature and natural life itself. In the wound of the Sacred Heart we see our own hardness of heart; we have to confront our solipsistic indifference. Yet Christ, too, does expose his heart not to crush us with just guilt but to heal our own woundedness and show us that sacrifice is not only the cost but also the gift of love. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the school of such a free, courageous and responsive love; we learn again how to love, how to give without seeking return, how to grow beyond ourselves.

Since then, Fr. Etchecopar will spend the rest of his life in the mother house, at the direct service of the Congregation, first as secretary of the founder (1857-1863), then as general secretary of the Institute (1863-1873), assistant general of P. Chirou (1873-1874), and finally, third Superior General (1874-1897). Of fragile health, it alternates moments of intense activity and long periods of illness. One of them will be fatal, on April 13, 1897. The General Chapter following his death will proclaim Fr. Etchecopar "second founder" of the Institute.

According to his biographers,¹ the long presence of Fr. Etchecopar at the head of the Congregation is articulated around three main objectives.

First, it works to obtain from the Holy See the approval of the Congregation and its Constitutions. In fact, on the death of the founder, Miguel Garicoits, in 1863, the Society of the Priests of the Sacred Heart was not yet recognized by the Roman curia, due to the reluctance of the bishop of Bayonne to present the new institute. It took long steps for Father Etchecopar to receive permission from Bishop Lacroix to submit the Constitutions to the Holy See, and obtain from Rome the official recognition of the Institute on July 30, 1875, twelve years after the death of the founder.



Once the Roman approval was obtained, Fr. Etchecopar began to face the second point of his program: to make the Church recognize the sanctity of Fr. Miguel Garicoits. He entrusted a religious of the Institute, Basil Bourdenne, with a biography of the founder; appeared in 1878 under the title *Life and letters of RP Miguel Garicoits*. He himself will collect and publish, in 1890, a part of the letters and other writings of the founder. From the end of the 80s to the beginning of the 90s, the diocesan information process will be developed in Bayonne, and only in 1899 (two years after the death of Fr. Etchecopar) will Rome's decree of introduction of the cause of Miguel Garicoits (whose sanctity will proclaim the Catholic Church in 1947).

Finally, the third priority of Fr. Etchecopar was to consolidate the Congregation and its works, from the spiritual and material point of view. In that framework they register:

His voluminous correspondence with the religious of the Institute;

His trips abroad, particularly to Argentina and Uruguay, between November 1891 and May 1892, his trips to Bethlehem (1891 and 1893), and his eight trips to Rome;

the foundation in Bayona, in 1874, of the San Luis School, and that of the community of Belén in 1878.

As I was doing my diaconate ministry last six months, I had good experience in the parish I was conducting the family unites , taking catechism for the children, teaching the altar boys and all other activities in the parish. During this season of lent and festival I was assigned to collect the prayer intentions of the people and pray for them and bless them holy water.

The faith of the people is very deep. Seeing the faith and the struggles they carry in their life, touched me to pray more and strengthen my faith to be closer to God.

I thank our Congregation and my Superiors who sent me to do my diaconal ministry in Malayattoor Church. It was a memorable experience for me.

Dn. Shamon Devasia SCJ

Augusto Etchécopar (1830-1897).

Augusto Etchecopar (Saint-Palais , May 30, 1830 - Betharram , April 13, 1897) French priest, third successor of Michael Garicoits at the head of the Congregation of the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram; his cause of beatification is underway.

Father Etchecopar was born in Saint-Palais, a town in the French Basque Country . Being young, he felt called to the priesthood; he studies in his native town, then he becomes a teacher at the Saint-Palais school while doing his seminary, which was common at that time. He was ordained a priest in the cathedral of Bayonne on June 10, 1854 .

Gifted intellectually, the bishop directs him to the Olorón High Studies Society , created with the aim of forming an elite of priests to whom to entrust the key posts of the diocese. However, the Society quickly dissolves, and its members, individually, are admitted to the Society of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Betharram, founded by the priest Michael Garicoits . This is how, on October 24, 1855, the young ecclesiastic Augusto Etchecopar pronounced his vows at the Betharram Institute. Still two years later he continues teaching at the College of Santa Cruz de Oloron; Then, Father Garicoits called him to Betharram, in July 1857 , to occupy the delicate position of master of the novices. In addition, he will be the friend and confidant of the founder of Betharram, who disappears on May 14, 1863 .

HAPPY AND BLESSED FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS TO ALL.

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS,
FR. JOHN BRITTO SCJ

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL GARICOITS, MAY 14TH

On the occasion of St Michael Garicoits’ feast day the Hojai Mission gathered to celebrate the feast of our founder. Rev Fr Susai Arul sj (Regional Superior of Kohima region) gave recollection talk and pre-



sided over the Holy Eucharist celebration. “You did not choose me, but I chose you...”(Jn 15:16) on this topic he began the recollection talk insisting of the ‘Here I am’ respond of St Michael to God’s call and taking up the hardship in discerning and founded

the congregation and inspiring us to say yes to God’s call instantly, unreservedly and irrevocably.



Indeed it was great joy for to celebrate the feast along with Jesuit Fathers, Salvatorian Fathers, Sacred Heart Sisters, Incarnation Sisters, Franciscan Calarist sisters and Notre Dam sisters. It was also a occasion to come together Simulguri, Langting and Hojai Mission to share the faith and joy and to walk in the foot steps of St Michael saying ‘Here I am’.

**REGIONAL SUPERIOR AND REGIONAL VICAR VISIT
TO CHENNAI, THE LAND OF ST. THOMAS,
THE APOSTLE.**

Fr. Enrico arrived in Chennai on the 17th of May 2018 by 01:00 a.m and was received at the airport by the Regional Vicar Fr. Arul and Fr. John Britto.

On 17th Morning, he met and talked with the children those who were preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation followed by visitation of Special children who are under the care of the sisters of The Missionaries of Charity.

On 18th Morning, We met our beloved Archbishop. It was so cordial. The Archbishop is very positive about our Pastoral work on the Parish and appreciated all our spiritual work done by us in the past one year.



We met both Vicar Generals. They too had great appreciation for our Mission in this parish. In the Evening, We had a get together with the BCC members, Choir group, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Board of Trustees and well wishers. It was a fruitful one. Fr. Enrico talked about our congregation and Fr. Arul spoke about our Mission in India.

On 19th of May Fr. Enrico blessed couples who celebrated their wedding silver jubilee in French in our parish. We had a great privilege to celebrate the Holy mass in the Tomb of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India. We remembered the whole congregation and our benefactors and prayed for them during the Holy mass. In the evening, we celebrated the Ordination day of Fr. Arul by cutting the cake.

On 20th, our parish community celebrated the triple feast, Feast of The Pentecost, First Holy Communion to our children and Installation of our founder St. Michael Garicoits inside the church.



The Festal celebrations begun with the official welcome to Fr. Enrico and Fr. Arul followed by the procession. Fr. Arul Was the main celebrant and Fr. Enrico gave the first Holy Communion to our children and blessed and installed the statue

of our founder St. Michael Garicoits in the church. I am indeed privileged to install the statue our founder statue in our mission in India. I am sure that St. Michael will intercede for our parish community, State and our country and like magnet he will attract many souls to Christ for the greater glory of God.

Fr. John Britto scj

My Experience in Malayattoor

Malayattoor is a village of Angamaly in the north east corner of Ernakulam district in the state of Kerala. The name malayattoor is an amalgamation of three small words Mala (mountain), Arr (river), Oore (place). This is to say Malayattoor is a meeting place of mountain, river, and land.

The Malayattoor Kurusumudy is the place where St. Thomas the Apostle is believed to have spent his time in prayer while on his mission in India. It was declared an international pilgrim shrine in 2005. According to the organizers around 60 lakhs pilgrims are expected during the season of lent and festival. The chief festival is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. During this festival people come from different places to climb the mountain and get blessings.